

**REMARKS**

Claims 67-80, 82-85, and 87-94 were pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 85, 87-91, and 93 have been cancelled to comply with the Restriction Requirement.

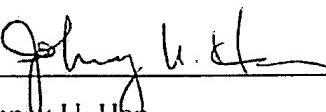
As to the Restriction Requirement on page 2 of the Office Action, Applicant elects to prosecute claims 67-71, 73-80, 82-84, 92, and 94 (Group A) drawn to an endoluminal apparatus. Claims 85, 87-91, and 93 have been cancelled as being drawn to an unelected species. All of the remaining claims encompass the elected species. Examination on the merits is requested.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that, in light of the elections and amendments presented herein, claims 67-71, 73-80, 82-84, 92, and 94 are presently under consideration. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority to this application. Applicants respectfully request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the event the appropriate fee and/or petition is not filed herewith and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-3973 referencing Attorney Docket No.

USGINZ00130. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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